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<u>CITY OF ROCKFORD HOLDS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> PUBLIC HEARINGS TO PRESENT 2012 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

Rockford, IL – September 12, 2011 - The City of Rockford will hold two additional public hearings to present the 2012 Draft Annual Plan Update to interested citizens, groups and organizations. This draft plan serves as an update to the third year of the 2010-14 Consolidated Plan for addressing housing, business and community development needs through program eligible activities.

The Consolidated Plan Annual Update satisfies the minimum statutory requirements for three federal formula programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP).

The public hearings will take place at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Patriots Gateway Center, 615 S. Fifth Street and then again at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 15, 2011 also at the Northwest Community Center, 1325 N. Johnston Avenue. The September 15th session is a repeat of the September 14th.

Each hearing will be assessable to persons with disabilities in compliance with federal laws upon notification of anticipated attendance. Individuals with disabilities planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact by letter or telephone, the Neighborhood Development Division, Community and Economic Development Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, 815.987.5690, by September 12, 2011 to make notice of their anticipated attendance.